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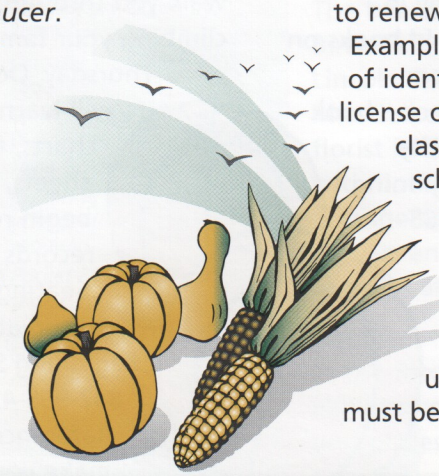
Meet Erich Abens, President of the Library Board

Erich Abens grew up on the north side of Chicago and earned an Associate of Science degree at Broward Community College in Fort Lauderdale. He and his family moved to Morton Grove in 1990 and in 1999 he was elected to the Library Board. Mr. Abens works for Xerox Capital Services, LLC; is an Assistant Cub Master for the Scouts; and is interested in computers and technology. He is committed to providing state-of-the-art library services to the community.

Wake Up and Smell the Coffee!

Your library card is the most valuable item in your wallet and it's free! September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month and to celebrate, the Morton Grove Public Library will be serving coffee on the "ground" floor and sponsoring a special drawing, called *Cup and Chaucer*. Morton Grove residents who sign up for a new library card or who renew an expired card in September (better latté than never!) will receive an entry form for a drawing to be held October 1. Three coffee-related prizes will be awarded. Entrants need not be present to win; winners will be notified by phone.



Proof of Morton Grove residence is required to obtain a library card or to renew an existing card. Examples of acceptable forms of identification are: driver's license or state ID, utility bill, 1st class mail, bank statement, school schedule with name of applicant, vehicle registration sticker forms, vehicle insurance card, mortgage or lease papers. (Items used to verify address must be less than 2 months old.)

Rick Kogan: Sidewalks of Morton Grove

Sunday, Sept. 29, at 2:00 pm
Registration begins: Sept. 3

WGN radio personality and *Chicago Tribune* editor Rick Kogan will present *Sidewalks of Morton Grove and Vicinity* on Sunday, Sept. 29, at 2:00 pm. Mr. Kogan will also talk about *Everybody Pays: Two Men, One Murder, and the Price of Truth,* the thriller he wrote with Maurice Possley. Seating is limited and registration is required. Registration begins Sept. 3. Priority for registration will be given to residents of Morton Grove with a valid library card. Non-residents may sign up on the waiting list and will be notified by phone if there is space available. Call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

Do Library Research... From Your Home!

Over three dozen information sources (databases) are now available to Morton Grove library cardholders 24hrs/day through the Library's web site. These databases include encyclopedias, indexes to magazine articles, and in-depth

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Read to Me!

CONTINUES THROUGH FALL 2002

A new, drop-in storytime, called *Read to Me!* was launched by the Children's Dept. this summer for children under age 6 accompanied by an adult. Two grandmas, June Lazarus and Judith Hindin (shown in the photo) have volunteered their time and talents with children. The grandmas read aloud from selected picture and storybooks every Tuesday at 10 am and will continue this popular storytime through the fall. Parents and babysitters are invited to bring preschoolers to this lively storytime.

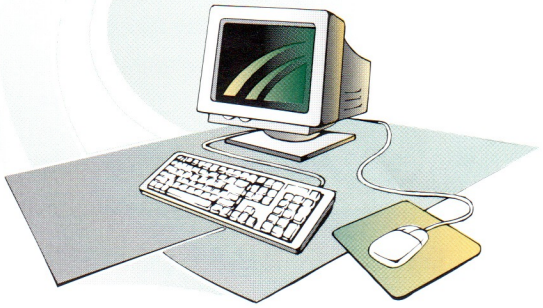
June Lazarus and Judith Hindin read to youngsters at weekly drop-in storytime.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Mergent's Financial Information Services Online

Monday, September 9, at 7:00 pm
Registration begins August 5

Are you looking for information about investments? Mergent's Financial Information Services online (FISonline) is a new electronic database available in the Library and to **Morton Grove Library card-holders from their home or office computers.** (Be sure to see the cover story about doing Library research from home.) Mergent's FIS-online enables you to find out any national or international public company's history, structure, financial statements, stock history, annual reports and more. Paul Hazlett, a representative of Mergent, Inc., will discuss how to use FISonline on Monday, September 9, at 7:00 pm. Registration begins August 5; please call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.



How to Buy and Use a Pocket PC/PDA

Saturday, October 26, at 10:00 am
Registration begins September 16

A recent addition to the high-tech world is the pocket PC or personal digital assistant (PDA). Jennifer Didier of Knowledge Alliance will discuss the various features of PDAs for those who are considering purchasing one. She will also discuss "Tips & Tricks" on the Palm V. If you own a pocket PC or PDA and have questions about its use, bring it along to the class. Seating is limited and registration is required. Registration begins Sept. 15. Please call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk to register.

Exploring Genealogical Internet Resources

Thursday, October 24, at 7 pm
Registration begins Sept. 3

With so much information available on the Internet, it may seem like a daunting place to search for your family's roots. Colleen Ringel, MGPL Reference Librarian and genealogy expert, will show you how to use the library and the Internet to help in researching your family history on Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7 pm. The discussion will include how to use free web sites, subscription sites, discussion groups and library databases. Registration is required and begins Sept. 3. Please call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk to make your reservations.

The Untold Story... Presented by Val Mazzenga

Sunday, October 6, at 2:00 pm
Registration begins Sept. 3

Award-winning photojournalist Val Mazzenga will take you on a journey around the world in pictures, as he reveals *The Untold Story*. Travel on assignment with Val from Bangkok to Bombay to Rio de Janeiro and see pictures of people, places, and events documenting news stories of our times. Mr. Mazzenga has covered major news stories around the globe and has exhibited his work nationwide. He has done prize-winning photo essays on Mother Teresa, President Nixon, and Michael Jordan. Join us Sunday, October 6, at 2:00 pm, for a compelling presentation of slides and anecdotes that tell the rest of the news stories. Seating is limited; reservations are required. Beginning Sept. 3, please call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk to make your reservations.

Appraisal of Old Books

Monday, October 7, at 7:00 pm
Registration begins Sept. 3

Do you have an old book that looks like it might be a valuable collectible? Are you wondering if a volume you found in the attic is worth something? Roger Carlson, owner of Bookman's Alley in Evanston, will appraise old books on Monday, Oct. 7, at 7:00 pm. Appraisals are limited to one book per person for the first fifty people who register. Beginning Sept. 3, please call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk to register. Those who would like to listen to the appraisals (but not bring a book) are also asked to register.

Climbing Your Family Tree: A Class for Beginners

Thursday, October 3, at 7 pm
Registration begins Sept. 3

If you would like to research your family's history but are unsure of where to start and what to look for, this class is for you! Colleen Ringel, Reference Librarian at MGPL and an expert on genealogical searches, will walk you through the first steps in climbing your family tree on Thursday, Oct. 3, at 7 pm. You will learn about pedigree charts, family group sheets, and where to begin researching vital records of your ancestors. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Beginning Sept. 3, please call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk to make your reservations.

Julie Goldberg Performs Stories, Songs and Dances

Sunday, Oct. 27, 2:00 pm Registration begins Sept. 30

Classical guitarist Julie Goldberg highlights a versatile and varied repertoire in this concert at 2:00 pm, Sunday, Oct. 27, featuring dances and songs composed for the guitar. Ms. Goldberg accompanies her superb musical performances with insightful information about the compositions and history of the music. Beginning Sept. 30, please make reservations by calling 847-965-4220 or stopping by the Reference Services Desk.

Book Discussions

Low Vision Book Discussion
Adults with low vision are invited to discuss recorded books and large print versions. Please note the change in time of these discussions from 1:00 to 1:30 pm. The Senior Tran bus service will be available to transport older adults in Morton Grove.

- Wed., Sept. 18, at 1:30: *Walking Across Egypt* by Clyde Edgerton
- Wed., October 19, at 1:30: *Thank You for Smoking* by Christopher Buckley

All Booked Up:
Thursday morning book group

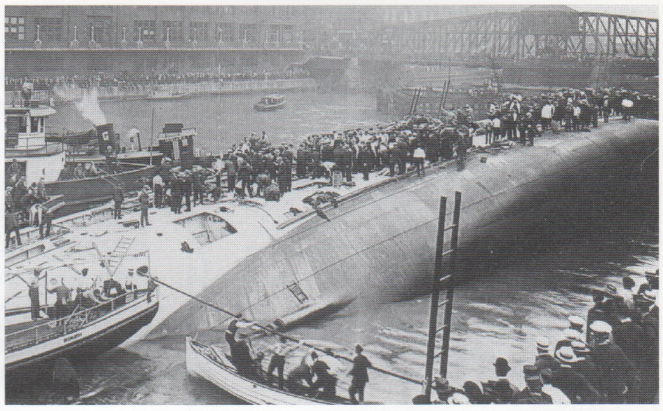
- Thurs., Sept. 19, at 10:00 am: *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay* by Michael Chabon
- Thurs., Oct. 17, at 10:00 am: *The Hungry Ocean* by Linda Greenlaw

Thinking Out Loud:
Tuesday evening book group

- Tues., Sept. 24, at 7:30 pm: *Personal History* by Katherine Graham
- Tues., Oct. 22 at 7:30 pm: *Bee Season* by Myla Goldberg

The *Eastland* Disaster

Sunday, September 22, at 2:00 pm
Registration begins August 19



Almost a century ago, on July 24, 1915, the *Eastland* capsized on the Chicago River, killing over 800 people. Susan and Barbara Decker's grandmother Aanstad was a survivor, and together with Barbara's husband Ted Wachholz they have organized the Eastland Disaster Historical Society to educate new generations about the disaster. They have given presentations throughout the area on this important part of Chicago's history. On **Sunday, September 22, at 2:00 pm,** the Society will give a multi-media presentation on the shipping disaster that affected so many Chicago families. Seating is limited; registration is required and begins August 19. Call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk to register.

Children's Art Contest Winners

Winners of the twenty-ninth annual children's art contest were announced in June. A total of 149 entries were received. First place winners were: Naina Gupta, Eman Lakhani, Angel Dimitrov, Saagar Gupta, Eva Gandhi, and Preksha Agnihotri. Second place winners were: Amanda Dewey, Matthew Curtis, Jennifer LaGioia, Natalie Gonzaga, Alex Antonow, and Scott Mao. Third place winners were: Gaurav Agnihotri, Zophia Antonow, Rebecca Lee, and Stephanie Peter. Honorable Mentions went to: Kiran Ajani, Olivia Rusek, Matthew Bardelas, Leesha Maliakal. Winning artwork is now on display in the east stairwell of the library.

Library Research From Home!

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business and health information.

The library's subscriptions to these resources make them free of charge to Morton Grove residents with a valid library card (they are available within the Library to all users). From your home or office computer, go to www.webrary.org/ref/remotedb.html which lists the information sources along with brief descriptions of their content. To use one of the databases, click on its name; you will be asked to enter your library card number for verification.

A few of the sources include: World Book Encyclopedia, World Almanac, Mergent's Financial Information Services, HealthInfo and MedLine.

Babysitting Basics

Officer Paul Yaras, Morton Grove Police Department, (left) and Inspector Rick Dobrowski of the Morton Grove Fire Department with graduates of the May, 2002, Babysitting Basics class at the Library. The next Babysitting Basics class will be held in November; watch for details in the next issue of *Books & Beyond*.

Awards Book Club

More than 60 children have joined the Library's Awards Book Club and are reading award-winning books. After submitting their first book review, the children receive a binder to use as a log of the books they read. When they finish five reviews, they receive a Newbery or Caldecott ribbon. Ten reviews earn them a Loew's Theatres gift certificate. More prizes are in store for those who reach 15, 20, and more reviews. This program began in April in honor of National Library Week and is an ongoing program that children may join at any time. Please sign up at the Children's Department Desk.

Echoes of Earth & Sky

Saturday, October 12, at 2:00 pm
Registration begins Sept. 16

Jennifer Meness and Rob Greyhill

Come and celebrate Native American song, dance, and storytelling. This exciting interactive performance on Sat., Oct. 12, at 2 pm, will include Native American instruments and regalia as well as a hands-on demonstration of the Taos Pueblo Hoop Dance. Seating is limited. Registration is required. Beginning Monday, Sept. 16, call 847-965-4229 or stop by the Children's Dept. desk to register. Priority is given to Morton Grove residents with a valid library card. Non-residents may sign up on the waiting list and will be notified by phone if there is space available.

Rope Warrior

Saturday, Sept. 28, at 2:00 pm
Registration begins September 3

David Fisher, the Rope Warrior

Join us for a highly entertaining, energetic and interactive performance of rope tricks featuring David Fisher, the Rope Warrior, on Sat., Sept. 28, at 2 pm. Fisher has performed his amazing feats all over the country and has been featured on network morning television shows. Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 3, call 847-965-4220, or stop by the Children's Department Desk to register. Priority is given to Morton Grove residents with a valid library card. Non-residents may sign up on a waiting list and will be notified by phone if there is space available.

Origami Workshop - Grades 3-6

Friday, October 18, at 4:00 pm
Registration begins Sept. 23

Jean Mashima of the Chicago Japanese/American Historical Society will lead an Origami workshop on Friday, October 18, at 4:00 pm, for children in grades 3 through 6. Seating is limited and registration is required. Beginning Sept. 23, please call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Children's Department Desk to register.

Children's Summer Reading Program

Nearly 300 children participated in the 2002 Summer Reading Program, "Celebrate America . . . Read!" It was a summer of reading, playing carnival games, and earning great red, white and blue prizes. Over 130 children earned 15 points and joined the ranks of the STAR Readers. Their pictures are posted on the bulletin board in the Children's Room. The names of winners of the raffle prizes are also posted.

CALENDAR

Webster is the Children's Department mascot! Webster appears on the Kids' webrary and in other Library publications.

Children's Classes

Fall session will begin the week of October 14. Enrollment is limited and begins Sept. 3. Priority is given to Morton Grove residents with a valid library card. Non-residents may sign up on a waiting list and will be notified by phone if there is space available. Classes end the week of December 2. Call the Library at 847-965-4220 or check the website, www.webrary.org/kids/jclassesdoc.html for class descriptions.

Library Playtime

For 2-Year-Olds & Parents
Thursday 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Pre-School Storytime

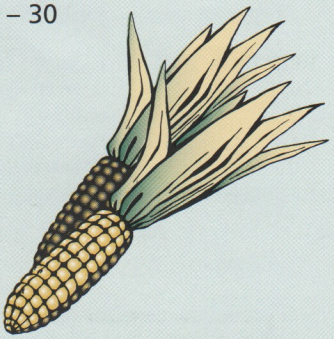
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten (please, no underage siblings):
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 6:45 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff

Grades 1-2
Monday 7:00 pm
Class limit – 12

Creative Writing

Grades 3-6
Tuesday 4:30 pm
Class limit – 30



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CALENDAR

Note: Tuesdays at 10:00 *Read to Me!*
Note: Tuesdays at 11:30 *Lunchtime Videos*

September

9/1	Sun.	CLOSED	
9/2	Mon.	CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY	
9/9	Mon.	7 pm	*Mergent's Financial Information Service Online*: reg. required
9/12	Thurs.	7:45 pm	Library Board Mtg.
9/16	Mon.	11 am, 2:30 & 7 pm	Feature Film: Biography PG-13, 136 minutes
9/18	Wed.	1:30 pm	Low Vision Book Discussion: *Walking across Egypt* by Clyde Edgerton
9/19	Thurs.	10 am	All Booked Up Discussion: The *Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay* by Michael Chabon
9/22	Sun.	2 pm	*Eastland Disaster Historical Society* presentation: reg. required
9/24	Tues.	7:30 pm	Thinking Out Loud Discussion: *Personal History* by Katherine Graham
9/28	Sat.	2 pm	*Rope Warrior:* David Fisher: reg. required
9/29	Sun.	2 pm	*Rick Kogan & Sidewalks of Morton Grove:* reg. required

October

10/3	Thurs.	7 pm	*Climbing Your Family Tree:* reg. required
10/6	Sun.	2 pm	*The Untold Story*...Val Mazzenga: reg. required
10/7	Mon.	7 pm	*Appraisal of Old Books,* Roger Carlson: reg. required
10/9	Wed.	1:30 pm	Low Vision Book Discussion: *Thank You for Smoking* by Christopher Buckley
10/10	Thurs.	7:45 pm	Library Board Mtg.
10/12	Sat.	2 pm	*Echoes of Earth and Sky:* reg. required
10/13	Sun.	2 pm	Family Film: Animated G, 93 minutes
10/14	Mon.	11 am, 2:30 pm 7 pm	Feature Film: Intrigue/Romance PG, 152 min.
10/17	Thurs.	10 am	All Booked Up Discussion: *The Hungry Ocean* by Linda Greenlaw
10/18	Fri.	4:00 pm	*Origami Workshop:* reg. required
10/22	Tues.	7:30 pm	Thinking Out Loud Discussion: *Bee Season* by Myla Goldberg
10/24	Thurs.	7:00 pm	*Exploring Genealogical Internet Resources:* reg. required
10/26	Sat.	10:00 am	*Pocket PCs* with Jennifer Didier: reg. required
10/27	Sun.	2:00 pm	Julie Goldberg performs *Stories, Songs and Dances on Guitar:* reg. required

Check out our complete calendar on the Web at: www.webrary.org/inside/calcurr.html

Lunchtime Videos

Every Tuesday at 11:30 am, one or two videos are shown in the Baxter Room. Topics range from documentaries to travelogues, biographies to comedians' performances. You can bring your lunch or just join us for sweet treats served with coffee. Once a month, a feature film is shown and there is a special celebration of holidays, birthdays, or significant events.

Exhibits

September
Judy Singer displays her colorful abstract paintings in the Baxter Room Sept. 3-30. Ms. Singer, a resident of Highland Park, holds undergraduate and Master's degrees from Lewis University and has had numerous shows of her work at area galleries, art centers, schools, libraries and other facilities.

The beautiful pressed flowers of Binie Selker are displayed in the Lincoln Ave. display case, Sept. 3-30. Mrs. Selker was trained as a master florist in Germany and has worked with both real flowers and silk floral arrangements. She raises her own flowers and creates pictures and cards for sales at art fairs and gift shops.

October
In the Baxter Room, Rosh Kagan exhibits colorful photos of people and places around the world, Oct. 1-31.

MONDAY MOVIES

Shown at 11 am, 2:30 pm, and 7 pm

Note: New licensing agreements have greatly expanded the available films from which the Library can select Monday Movie titles. However, the agreements prevent publicizing the titles in *Books & Beyond*. Listed below are brief descriptions of the films to be shown that should help to identify the films. Film titles will be posted in the Library. To check titles, please call the Library's Reference Services Desk.

Sept. 16: Biography, PG-13, 136 minutes
Russell Crowe stars in this beautiful biographical film about the mind of Nobel prize-winning mathematician, John Nash, whose schizophrenic delusions led to his dismissal from MIT.

Oct. 14: 1950s Romance/ Intrigue, PG, 152 minutes
Peter Appleton (Jim Carrey) is a Hollywood screenwriter accused of having communist ties, who loses his memory in an automobile accident. Peter resembles the son of the owner of *The Majestic*, the town's movie theater, who was presumed to have died fighting in World War II. Peter helps to restore the movie theater and struggles with many conflicts as he regains his memory.

Family Film
Sunday, October 13, 2:00 pm
A two-year-old girl accidentally sneaks into the hidden world of Monstropolis with a giant, blue furry monster named James P. Sullivan, or "Sulley." Sulley (voiced by John Goodman) and his one-eyed assistant, Mike (Billy Crystal) discover what happens when the real world interacts with the world of monsters.

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Sunday, Sept. 1

Monday, Sept. 2 - Labor Day

Strategic Planning

In the spring, the Library Board invited identified community members to serve on a long-range planning committee. With the Village's Vision Statement as a starting point, the committee met for two days in June and July to identify four priorities for library services that they felt will best meet the needs of the community:

- **Current topics/titles:** The library will provide a current collection with sufficient copies of titles in high demand to ensure customer requests are met quickly.
- **General information:** The library will offer print, non-print and electronic reference resources on a broad array of topics related to work, school, and personal life.
- **Information literacy:** The library will provide training and instruction in skills related to locating, evaluating, and using information resources of all types.
- **Lifelong learning:** The library will provide and maintain an extensive collection of circulating materials for self-directed growth and development opportunities.

Integral to the implementation of all four service responses is an openness and awareness of cultural diversity in the community.

In the fall, the Board and staff will begin developing plans for programs and services tailored to meet specified objectives derived from the four priorities.

Community Planning Committee Members

The Library's planning process has been greatly assisted by these people representing various community agencies and groups:

- Jim Blockinger
- Rosario Calimag
- Estelle Cooperman
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- Jeanie Hofeld
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Read & Reel: Adult Summer Reading Program

Over 600 entries were received for the eight drawings held from June through August as part of *Read & Reel*, the Adult Summer Reading Club. Many thanks to the Morton Grove Park District and the Illinois Railway Museum for their generous donation of prizes. Congratulations to the winners of the drawings; their names are posted in the library.

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